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Comments: - Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. Following existing climbing policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors for more than a half century will do more to protect Wilderness character while providing for primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing.

- It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors across the country when they have allowed, managed, and authorized fixed anchors for decades.

- Prohibiting fixed anchors obstructs appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas. Land managers need to allow climbers to explore Wilderness in a way that permits in-the-moment decisions that are necessary when navigating complex vertical terrain.

- Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing legacy and could erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. Climbing management policy needs to protect existing routes from removal.

In addition to these points, limiting climbing and denying the opportunity to bolt safely ultimately leads to safety risks, which is what I believe is the most important point to make here in this - Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community. Critical safety decisions often must be made in the moment and any authorization process should not impede those decisions. Fixed anchor maintenance needs to be managed in a way that incentivizes safe anchor replacement and does not risk the removal of climbing routes.

The climbing communities I have been a part of have been fiercely dedicated to ensuring that the hardware that is used is not only minimally invasive to the environment and rock it is placed in, but also as much as possible ensures the safety of success of future climbers, should they choose to also pursue the same goal/objective. Climbers understand the risk they take when they are on the wall, and that it is not to be taken lightly, which is why having the ability to bolt without heavy/time consuming regulation is crucial. I think it's safe to say that if you climb you want something to be as safe as it possibly be, and this limitation would greatly affect the ability of the community to be able to safely climb, and honestly it won't stop people from going out anyways, as climbing makes its way into the mainstream and more people want to go outside.

As a beginner climber, it's been really inspiring to witness the climbing communities I have been a part of take personal responsibility to make sure that we respect the nature and environment we choose to recreate in, and it would be a shame if future generations can't be inspired in the same way I have been to take action.